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## SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2013 UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

Utah farmers faced irrigation water shortages and hot dry weather most of the summer. As a result, small grain acreages are low when compared with normal. Acres of all small grains harvested totaled 159,000 acres in 2013 compared to 166,000 in 2012.

**All wheat** production in Utah, estimated at 5.51 million bushels, is 11 percent below last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Winter wheat** producers seeded 120,000 acres in the fall of 2012 for harvest in 2013, down from 140,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain, at 124,000 acres, declined 14,000 acres from the 2012 crop year. Winter wheat production totaled 4.84 million bushels which calculates to a yield of 44.0 bushels per acre. Winter Wheat yield was down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year and production declined 15 percent from 2012. **Spring wheat** seedings, at 18,000 acres, were up 3,000 acres compared with a year ago. Acreage harvested totaled 14,000 acres, up from 13,000 acres last year. Spring wheat production totaled 672,000 bushels which calculates to a yield of 48.0 bushels per acre. Spring Wheat yield increased 8.0 bushels per acre from last year and production increased 29 percent from 2012.

**Oat** seedings totaled 40,000 acres, an increase of 10,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 5,000 acres for grain or seed, up 2,000 acres from acreage harvested for grain in 2012. Oat production totaled 310,000 bushels, up 36 percent from last year. Oat yield was 62 bushels per acre in 2013, down 14 bushels per acre from the previous year.

**Barley** seeded area, at 40,000 acres, is down 4,000 acres from last year. Producers harvested 30,000 acres for grain or seed in 2013, up 4,000 acres from 2012. Barley yield, at 79.0 bushels per acre, is down 1.0 bushel per acre from last year. Barley production is estimated at 2.37 million bushels, up 14 percent from the previous year.

## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All wheat** production totaled 2.13 billion bushels in 2013, down 6 percent from 2012. Grain area totaled 45.2 million acres, down 8 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at a record high of 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from the previous year. The levels of production and changes from 2012 by type are winter wheat, 1.53 billion bushels, down 7 percent; other spring wheat, 532 million bushels, down 2 percent, and Durum wheat, 61.5 million bushels, down 26 percent.

**Oat** production is estimated at 66.0 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2012 but the third lowest production on record. Yield is estimated at 64.0 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 1.03 million acres, is slightly below last year. This is the second lowest acreage harvested for grain on record.

**Barley** production is estimated at 215 million bushels, down 2 percent from 2012. Average yield per acre, at 71.7 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 3.48 million acres in 2013, down 4 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.00 million acres, is down 8 percent from 2012.

A full copy of the *Small Grains Annual Summary* is available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).